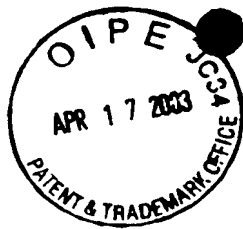


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as shown below:

21. (Amended) A single-substrate-processing apparatus, comprising:

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an airtight process chamber including a casing and configured to process a target substrate;

a worktable configured to support the target substrate within the casing of the process chamber,

a pedestal standing upright in the process chamber and connected to the worktable to support the worktable; and